

## Subpart A—Introduction

### § 507.1 Purpose.

This part prescribes the Department of the Army and the Air Force policy governing the manufacture, sale, reproduction, possession, and wearing of military decorations, medals, badges, and insignia. It also establishes the Heraldic Item Quality Control Program to improve the appearance of the Army and Air Force by controlling the quality of heraldic items purchased from commercial sources.

### § 507.2 References.

Related publications are listed in paragraphs (a) through (f) of this section. (A related publication is merely a source of additional information. The user does not have to read it to understand this part). Copies of referenced publications may be reviewed at Army and Air Force Libraries or may be purchased from the National Technical Information Services, U.S. Department of Commerce, 5285 Port Royal Road, Springfield, VA 22161.

- (a) AFI 36-2903, Dress and Personal Appearance of Air Force Personnel.
- (b) AR 360-5, Public Information.
- (c) AR 670-1, Wear and Appearance of Army Uniforms and Insignia.
- (d) AR 840-1, Department of the Army Seal, and Department of the Army Emblem and Branch of Service Plaques.
- (e) AR 840-10, Heraldic Activities, Flags, Guidons, Streamers, Tabards and Automobile Plates.
- (f) AFR 900-3, Department of the Air Force Seal, Organizational Emblems, Use and Display of Flags, Guidons, Streamers, and Automobile and Aircraft Plates.

### § 507.3 Explanation of abbreviations and terms.

- (a) *Abbreviations*. (1) AFB—Air Force Base.
- (2) DA—Department of the Army.
- (3) DCSPER—Deputy Chief of Staff for Personnel.
- (4) DSCP—Defense Supply Center Philadelphia.
- (5) DUI—distinctive unit insignia.
- (6) ROTC—Reserve Officers' Training Corps.
- (7) SSI—shoulder sleeve insignia.
- (8) TIOH—The Institute of Heraldry.

(9) USAF—United States Air Force.

(b) *Terms*—(1) *Cartoon*. A drawing six times actual size, showing placement of stitches, color and size of yarn and number of stitches.

(2) *Certificate of authority to manufacture*. A certificate assigning manufacturers a hallmark and authorizing manufacture of heraldic items.

(3) *Hallmark*. A distinguishing mark consisting of a letter and numbers assigned to certified manufacturers for use in identifying manufacturers of insignia.

(4) *Heraldic items*. All items worn on the uniform to indicate unit, skill, branch, award or identification and a design has been established by TIOH on an official drawing.

(5) *Letter of agreement*. A form signed by manufacturers before certification, stating that the manufacturer agrees to produce heraldic items in accordance with specific requirements.

(6) *Letter of authorization*. A letter issued by TIOH that authorizes the manufacture of a specific heraldic item after quality assurance inspection of a preproduction sample.

(7) *Tools*. Hubs, dies, cartoons, and drawings used in the manufacture of heraldic items.

### § 507.4 Responsibilities.

(a) *Deputy Chief of Staff for Personnel (DCSPER), Army*. The DCSPER has staff responsibility for heraldic activities in the Army.

(b) *The Director, The Institute of Heraldry (TIOH)*. The Director, TIOH, will—

- (1) Monitor the overall operation of the Heraldic Quality Control Program.
- (2) Authorize the use of insignia designs in commercial items.

(3) Certify insignia manufacturers.

(4) Inspect the quality of heraldic items.

(c) *The Commander, Air Force Personnel Center, Randolph AFB, TX 78150-4739*. The Commander has staff responsibility for heraldic activities in the Air Force.

(d) *The Chief, Air Force Personnel Center Commander's Programs Branch (HQ AFPC/DPSFC), 550 C Street West, Suite 37, Randolph AFB, TX 78150-4739*. The Chief, Commander's Programs Branch is responsible for granting permission

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for the incorporation of certain Air Force badges and rank insignia designs in commercial items.

(e) *Commander, Air Force Historical Research Agency (AFHRA/RSO), Maxwell AFB, AL 36112-6424.* The Commander, AFHRA/RSO, is responsible for granting permission for use of the Air Force seal, coat of arms, and crest.

(f) *Commanders.* Commanders are responsible for purchasing heraldic items that have been produced by manufacturers certified by TIOH. Commanders will ensure that only those heraldic items that are of quality and design covered in the specification and that have been produced by certified manufacturers are worn by personnel under their command.

### § 507.5 Statutory authority.

(a) The wear, manufacture, and sale of military decorations, medals, badges, their components and appurtenances, or colorable imitations of them, are governed by section 704, title 18, United States Code (18 U.S.C. 704).

(b) The manufacture, sale, possession, and reproduction of badges, identification cards, insignia, or other designs, prescribed by the head of a U.S. department or agency, or colorable imitations of them, are governed by Title 18, United States Code, Section 701 (18 U.S.C. 701).

(c) This part incorporates the statutory provisions.

## Subpart B—Manufacture and Sale of Decorations, Medals, Badges, and Insignia.

### § 507.6 Authority to manufacture.

(a) A certificate of authority to manufacture heraldic articles may be granted by the Institute of Heraldry.

(1) Certificates of authority will be issued only to companies who have manufacturing capability and agree to manufacture heraldic items according to applicable specifications or purchase descriptions.

(2) The certificate of authority is valid only for the individual or corporation indicated.

(3) A hallmark will be assigned to each certified manufacturer. All insignia manufactured will bear the manufacturer's hallmark.

(b) A certificate of authority may be revoked or suspended under the procedures prescribed in subpart D of this part.

(c) Manufacturers will submit a preproduction sample to TIOH of each item they manufacture for certification under the Heraldic Quality Control Program. A letter of certification authorizing manufacture of each specific item will be issued provided the sample meets quality assurance standards.

(d) A copy of the certified manufacturers list will be furnished to the Army and Air Force Exchange Service and, upon request, to Army and Air Force commanders.

### § 507.7 Authority to sell.

No certificate of authority to manufacture is required to sell articles listed in § 507.8 of this part; however, sellers are responsible for insuring that any article they sell is manufactured in accordance with Government specifications using government furnished tools, bears a hallmark assigned by TIOH, and that the manufacturer has received a certification to manufacture that specific item prior to sale.

### § 507.8 Articles authorized for manufacture and sale.

(a) The articles listed in paragraphs (a) (1) through (10) of this section are authorized for manufacture and sale when made in accordance with approved specifications, purchase descriptions or drawings.

(1) All authorized insignia (AR 670-1 and AFI 36-2903).

(2) Appurtenances and devices for decorations, medals, and ribbons such as oak leaf clusters, service stars, arrowheads, V-devices, and clasps.

(3) Combat, special skill, occupational and qualification badges and bars.

(4) Identification badges.

(5) Fourrageres and lanyards.

(6) Lapel buttons.

(7) Decorations, service medals, and ribbons, except for the Medal of Honor.

(8) Replicas of decorations and service medals for grave markers. Replicas are to be at least twice the size prescribed for decorations and service medals.